World Bank assistance for water supply in Maharashtra

3173. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the Government of Maharashtra for rural water supply and environmental sanitation in 16 Districts of Maharashtra with World Bank assistance;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) whether Government have forwarded this proposal to the World Bank?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The 2nd Maharashtra Rural Water Supply and Sanitation Project proposal had been posed to the World Bank for possible assistance in September, 2001 and is under appraisal of the Bank.

Drugs trade in capital

3174. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1595 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th December, 2001 and state:

(a) whether Government are aware that drug market is still thriving in the Capital specially in Ambedkar Colony near Nehru Place and heroin is available in abundance in Jhuggies in Lajpat Nagar Railway Colony, New Delhi;

(b) whether it is a fact that drug market is flourishing with the active cooperation of police officials posted in those areas;

(c) the number of persons arrested for this illicit trade during the last two years; and

(d) whether action had been taken against the area police officials and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) As per reports received from the Drug Law Enforcement Agencies concerned, there is nothing to indicate the existence of any thriving drug market in Ambedkar Colony near Nehru Place, Jhuggies in Lajpat Nagar Railway Colony or other parts of New Delhi. However, the possibility of isolated instances of clandestine sale of drugs under the cover of other activities cannot be completely ruled out.

(b) and (d) No police personnel has been found involved in abetting sale of narcotics in the area.

(c) During the last two years, i.e., 2000 and 2001, the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) has arrested 33 persons and Delhi Police has arrested 1432 persons under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985 in various localities of Delhi.

Representation for unearthing black money

3175. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of States who presented their views before the Tenth Finance Commission regarding unearthing of black money in the country;

(b) the salient points raised by them; and

(c) what are the points Government have accepted and rejected together with the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) Tripura and West Bengal explicitly presented their views before the Tenth Finance Commission regarding unearthing of black money in the country.

(b) Unearthing of black money would help in expanding the divisible pool of resources and the additions by way of unearthed black money should be allocated to the States in accordance with the